

I am glad that you mentioned it. It is not the regular word, but is a derivative from it.

Then the word priest, which I mentioned, is only used in the books I have named, aside from Revelation. And in Revelation it is used ~~xxxxxx~~ where the Christians say, in Rev. 1:6, he has made us kings and priests unto God. In Rev. 1:6, 5:10 and in ~~26~~ 20:6, they shall be priests of God and of Christ. So there are ~~g~~ three references in Revelation where it is used of Christians. Are these references used to refer to Christian ministers, or to Christians in general.. I think the question needs to be raised, as far as Revelation here is concerned. I believe that all protestants interpret these here as referring to all Christians. My guess is that all Romanists do, too, but I am not sure. But I think in fairness we should raise the question here, is it possible that in these three ~~f~~ references here in Revelation he is speaking of the clergy, not of Christians in general. My guess is that the context will convince you to the contrary. That this fits with the universal priesthood of believers. That all Christians are priests in the sense to which reference is made here in Revelation. That is my guess. It would be interesting to look ~~xxxxxx~~ into a Roman Catholic Bible or into a Roman Catholic commentary and see what they say about/ it.

But as you have noticed, this word priest, which is translated priest in our English Bible, this word,.....which is the regular word used in the ~~Bibix~~ Bible to refer to the Jewish priest, with this possible exception, is ~~xxx~~ never used of officials in the Christian church. That is a very interesting point. With this possible ~~bx~~ but very unlikely exception, I would say, it is never used of officials in the Christian church. Well, now, that being ~~xxx~~ the case, why does the Roman Catholic Bible use the word priest repeatedly in the N.T. speaking of ~~xxxxxx~~ officials in the church? It is because it uses this word priest to ~~xxxxxx~~ translate a different word altogether. Not the word which ~~xx~~ is used of Jewish priests at all, but a different word altogether, the word presbyter. The word presbyter which is regularly used for the Jewish elders in the Septuagint. The word presbyter which in some